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THE

CASE

OF THE

Rope-makers of *London*,

And other Ports in the Kingdom of *England*.



FOREIGN Cordage and Yarn Imported, pays a Duty of 5 s. and 8 d. per Cent. But upon Exportation draws back 5 s. and 4 d.

For carrying on the late War, the Duty on Hemp Imported was advanced from 8 d. per Cent. to 2 s. per Cent.

All Cordage made in *England* pays (upon Exportation) 6 d. per Cent.

So that the Duty upon Hemp Included, *English* Cordage (upon Exportation) pays 2 s. and 2 d. per Cent. more than Foreign Cordage. By Reason whereof, *New England*, and other of his Majesties Plantations, are supplied with Foreign Cordage, so much Cheaper than that made in *England* can be afforded.

Again, During the late War, abundance of Journey-men and Apprentices being Imprest into His Majesties Service, Masters (to supply their places) were forc'd to let many Young Men into their Trade.

By Reason whereof, and Masters not being now able to find Vent for their Cordage, are forced to turn off their Journey-men; who, for want of Work, are reduced to extream Poverty; and many of their Wives and Children forc'd to take Almes of the Parish.

Wherefore the Ropemakers Petition, That the Draw-back may be taken off upon all Foreign Yarn and Cordage.